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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS

REF: KINSHASA 6551

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATION PER
PARA 3 REFTEL TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO ZAIRE REQUEST.
WE WOULD PREFER TO OPEN TALKS AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE
TIME AFTER MID SEPTEMBER AT WASHINGTON SINCE IT WOULD NOT
BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE FORMAL MEETING BETWEEN DELEGATIONS
BEFORE THEN. CIVIL AVIATION SPECIALISTS WHO WOULD PARTI-
CIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PRIOR COMMITMENTS AND COULD
NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER 15. AS
FOR LOCATION OF TALKS, ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE
HOLDS THAT PARTY SEEKING CONSULTATIONS SHOULD DEFER TO
OTHER PARTY ON QUESTION OF TIME AND VENUE (WHICH NORMALLY
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WOULD BE CAPITAL OF REQUESTED PARTY). SINCE GOZ HAS

INITIATED REQUEST, PROTOCOL WOULD DICTATE THAT TALKS BE HELD HERE. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD PREFER WASHINGTON FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS. IF GOZ INSISTS ON STARTING CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO JULY 29, WE ARE WILLING TO ACCOMODATE BY HAVING EMBOFFS PARTICIPATE AT MEETINGS WITH GOZ IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN ZAIRIAN POSITION AND REPORT TO DEPT.

2. EMBASSY MAY SEND TO GOZ NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

"...AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REITERATES ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE TO HOLD BILATERAL CIVIL AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13 OF THE UNITED STATES-ZAIRE AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT. SINCE THE CIVIL AVIATION SPECIALISTS WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE FOR THE UNITED STATES HAVE PRIOR COMMITMENTS THROUGH THE FIRST HALF OF SEPTEMBER, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SUGGESTS THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER 1975 IN WASHINGTON.

"IF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAIRE DESIRES TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS INITIATED WITHIN THE SIXTY DAY PERIOD AS PROVIDED UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE SAID AGREEMENT, I.E. BEFORE END OF JULY, 1975, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS AGREEABLE TO INITIATING EXPLORATORY TALKS IN KINSHASA BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AT KINSHASA AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT AT A CONVENIENTLY EARLY DATE. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT SUCH PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WOULD SERVE TO LAY THE BASIS FOR SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS AT WASHINGTON.

"COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE." KISSINGER

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